

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: And the caretaker, you've listed that as that's 2,386,000 dollars. You've got an amendment on LB 330 to stick it back in, don't you?

SENATOR WESELY: Um-hum.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: So I mean it's sort of illogical to say we've got it here and you're going to try to stick it back in I think. I mean, I'm trying to find out how much...how much more this biennium do you expect, if we reject the Moore amendment, adopt your amendment to 804, how much more do you expect we'll spend in Medicaid over the next two years than we spent the last biennium or the last year? How much more do you think we'll spend?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I know that we're going to spend significantly more and I could go back over that. I've been focused. The dollar figures here are how much we can try and save out of that increase

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: And I guess that's my problem and I...and I understand and I...I've had a difficult time with this vote on 804 too. You call them savings. We're still going to spend 50-plus million dollars more over the next two years no matter what we do, aren't we?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, yeah.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Yeah. And is there anything we can do about that this year? I mean how much do you think this 804, as you've got it in your amendment, how much is that going to change that 50-plus million dollar figure?

SENATOR WESELY: It will reduce it by about three and a half million? Three and a half million.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Three and a half. So it's 58 million dollars is the original figure I had minus three and a half million dollars.

SENATOR WESELY: Well...

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Somewhere in that range.